

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held July 5, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"On March 16, 2005, the Governor of California requested a Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Los Angeles County for both Public and Individual Assistance programs as a result of the heavy rainfall which lasted from February 12 through February 24, 2005. While the Governor's request for the Public Assistance program was granted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on April 14, 2005, the Individual Assistance program was denied on June 17, 2005. It is our understanding that the Governor is appealing the denial of the Individual Assistance program.

"It should be noted that FEMA issued an Individual Assistance declaration for the December 2004/January 2005 storms, yet significantly more damage occurred to residences in Los Angeles County from the February 2005 storms than had occurred in the December 2004/January 2005 storms."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a 5-signature letter to President Bush and Governor Schwarzenegger, with copies to the California Congressional Delegation, urging reconsideration of the recent denial of the Individual Assistance programs resulting from the February rainstorms.

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Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Acting Director of Public Works

Letters sent to:

The President Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger